

Black Widow

Inspiration ...

Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't, here is the link to the trailer:

 <https://youtu.be/ybji16u608U>



According to IMDb as of Sept 2022 the certificate for this film is: **12A**

Biblical Reference:

Matthew 7:7

*'Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be
opened to you.'*
(New International Version)

Free Will

Link exploration:

In the film 'The Black Widow' we see that Natasha was brought up in a horrible regime called the Red Room, which stripped women of their rights, personality and free will. Fortunately for Natasha she manages to escape and now lives a life of freedom. However, we see how Natasha now must face the agonising choice of staying free or risking it all to go back and help other women.

God has given us all free will, the freedom to make choices. A lot of people over thousands of years have struggled with this, usually because if left to our own devices we tend to make a mess of things e.g., war, violence and exploitation. Even on a day-to-day basis, many people feel it would be a lot easier if they didn't have to make choices all the time and had an all knowing and all wonderful being like God to do it all for them. But God knows true goodness doesn't work like that. How can we truly love someone if we're made to? How can we be truly kind if we're forced to be? How can we be brave if we're made to be?

Similarly, like Natasha, free will and making choices can be hard- especially if we know the right choices to make aren't the easy ones.



Prayer

Lord, we thank You that You have given us the gift of free will. Help us to choose the right way, every day and follow your will for us.
Amen.

Personal challenge

- Think about times where people have been good to you (could be generosity or kindness or standing by you through bad times). Think about the people you love and who love you back. Would it still mean as much if they didn't have a choice? What makes those moments so special?
- Think about how God chooses us every day. He doesn't have to just 'put up with us' but He chooses us because He wants to. When you think about that, what does it make you think and feel about: a) God and b) yourself? Make some notes in a journal.
- After watching 'Black Widow' explain which position you would rather be in: the Red Room's Black Widows or Natasha's?

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